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08/30/2011	1.00	Rodney Bartlett, Victor Lotrich, Thomas Watson, Robert Molt. RDX Geometries, Excited States, and Revised Energy Ordering of Conformers via MP2 and CCSD(T) Methodologies: Insights into Decomposition Mechanism, Journal of Physical Chemistry A, (01 2011): 884. doi:
12/07/2012	6.00	Robert W. Molt, Alexandre Bazanté, Thomas Watson, Rodney J. Bartlett. Pragmatic ab initio prediction of enthalpies of formation for large molecules: accuracy of MP2 geometries and frequencies using CCSD(T) correlation energies, Journal of Molecular Modeling, (11 2012): 0. doi: 10.1007/s00894-012-1663-1

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(c) Presentations

June 2012 – Coupled-Cluster Theory and Related Methods, a satellite meeting of the 2012 International Congress of Quantum Chemistry, Boulder, CO

September 2012 – 3rd Conference on Theory and Applications of Computational Chemistry, Pavia, Italy

September 2011 – 10th Central European Symposium on Theoretical Chemistry (CESTC 2011), Torun, Poland

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12/07/2012	7.00	..Conformers of CL-20 Explosive and ab initio Refinement using Perturbation Theory; Implications to Detonation Mechanisms, ()
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Patents Submitted

Patents Awarded

Awards

Doctor Honoris Causa, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, October, 2012.

Dector of Science, Honoris Causa, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, May, 2011.

Southern Chemist of the Year, ACS, Memphis, TN, January, 2010.

American Chemical Society, Fellow, 2010

S.F. Boys – A. Rahman Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry 2009/2010

Graduate Students

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>	Discipline
Tom Watson	0.20	
Robert Molt	0.67	
Alex Bazanta	0.00	
Ann Melnichuk	0.20	
FTE Equivalent:	1.07	
Total Number:	4	

Names of Post Doctorates

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>
Victor Lotrich	0.20
Dmitry Lyakh	0.33
FTE Equivalent:	0.53
Total Number:	2

Names of Faculty Supported

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>	National Academy Member
Rod Bartlett	0.12	No
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Names of Under Graduate students supported

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Names of personnel receiving PHDs

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Tom Watson
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Sub Contractors (DD882)

Scientific Progress

The work we have done under this grant has resulted in a number of advances in the field, and started a few others that we will continue to pursue in the future.

- Definitive studies of the ground state potential energy surfaces for the nitramine molecules RDX, HMX, and CL20 at the highest applicable level of ab initio, correlated, electronic structure theory: coupled-cluster (CC) theory with triple excitations, CCSD(T). The objective is to find all the energetically accessible isomers and associated activation barriers that would describe the energetic and kinetic effects on their detonation and decomposition.
- Investigation of low-lying excited states using the equation-of-motion (EOM) CC. This aspect is also important in understanding the critical initial steps from deflagration to detonation. In most processes sufficient energy will exist to excite a molecule into its electronic excited states, whether done by shock or by photon excitation, which opens new pathways toward deflagration.
- Introduction of a new way to begin to organize the chemistry of energetic materials, based upon their functional groups. Using the nitramines as prototypes, the idea is to be able to organize and understand most of the critical properties of the isolated molecules in terms of transferable $\text{*CH}_2\text{-N-NO}_2$ units. The $*$ means an artificial bond to a 'link' atom that accommodates all valences in the methyl nitramine group, to enable it to assume its normal electron pair bonding patterns. By using the ideas of the Natural Linear Scaling Coupled-Cluster (NLSCC) method, a transformation to local orbitals is expected to sufficiently separate the different functional groups into transferable units, that those units, say taken from RDX, will equally well describe HMX or CL20 without having to do the calculation for the whole system.
- This also means that all excited states of nitramines will be understood in terms of 3 units for RDX, 4 for HMX, and 6 for CL20. That classifies the excited states as intramolecular consisting of excitations within one nitramine unit or, intermolecular, between two units. If they occur, the completely delocal excited states would presumably involve all units, but the above classification should greatly aid in interpreting the spectra of the molecules.
- To the degree that the units are genuinely transferable, then stringing together many of them as building blocks would enable a description of even the crystalline form.
- Once the same procedure is used to separate other energetic units, like $\text{*CH}_2\text{-NO}_2$, eg, then the units can be combined together to build any molecule that is composed of nitramine and nitro groups. Extension to other units is apparent.
- This procedure potentially provides a way to represent the 'electronic structure' of all energetic molecules in terms of their component units, much as molecular mechanics provides the geometric structure of molecules based upon the force-fields that have been created

Technology Transfer